

Delaware State Police Investigating Carjacking at Wawa- New Castle

New Castle— Delaware State Police are investigating a carjacking that took place in the parking lot of Wawa on Tuesday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:03 p.m., June 15, 2021, in the parking lot of Wawa, located at 4000 North Dupont Highway, New Castle. The 52-year-old male victim parked his 2012 Nissan Altima and exited the vehicle in attempt to retrieve an item from the rear seat. The victim was approached by an unknown suspect who displayed a knife and demanded the keys to his vehicle. The victim complied and the suspect fled in the stolen car. The victim was not injured as a result of the incident.

The stolen vehicle has not been recovered at this time.

The suspect was described as a white male wearing all dark clothing and a black face mask.

There are currently no surveillance images are available.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Det. Kirchenbauer of the Troop 2 Criminal Investigative Unit by calling 302-365-8566. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support

and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

The Delaware State Police would like to warn the public about a recent increase in thefts of vehicles in the New Castle County area. The Delaware State Police, Troop 2 Criminal Investigative Unit, has recently seen an increase of vehicle thefts occurring in the Delaware State Police jurisdiction. A majority of the thefts have been occurring at gas stations in which a vehicle was left unattended, idling, or unlocked with the keys left in the vehicle. In many cases, the most common practice is a victim leaving their car running in a parking lot while they go into a store for a quick purchase.

Some car thieves look for cars idling in parking lots. Once they see a car is left unattended, all they have to do is walk up and drive away. The thefts of vehicles can be prevented. Please make sure when you exit your vehicle, your doors are locked, you remove your keys, and you park in a conspicuous location.

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